WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

College of Fisheries in Bihar

†2058. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to open a college of fisheries in Bihar for development of pisciculture,

(b) if so, by when and the efforts made by Government so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir, since the opening of a college is a State subject,

Plan for Earthquake and Cyclone in Gujarat

2059. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire Gujarat region is prove to earthquake and cyclone;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any long-term planning to face such natural disasters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Areas vulnerable to seismic activity are classified under Zones I to V and the areas in Gujarat come under Zones III to V. Coastal areas in Gujarat are prone to cyclones.

(c) and (d) The Primary responsibility for taking necessary action in this regard is that of the State Government concerned. The building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) have already brought out the Vulnerability Atlas including State-wise hazard maps. Governments of States falling under seismic zones IV & V have been requested to update their Contingency Action Plan with emphasis on preparedness and public awareness. Subsequent to the Gujarat earthquake, a National Committee on Disaster

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Management has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, with representatives of the National and State level political parties to, *inter-alia*, deliberate on the necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with major natural calamities in future.

Boosting the Farm Sector

2060. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have devised concrete plans for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, to boost the farm sector;

(b) if so, the details of the plans;

(c) the expenditure expected to be incurred during the period, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the estimated increase in production, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Approach Paper to the Tenth Plan aims at an indicative target of 8 percent GDP growth for the period 2002—07. Sector-wise growth rates as well as allocation of funds for agriculture and other sectors for the Tenth Plan, have not been finalised.

Dumping of Milk Products

2061. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk, milk-powder and other milk-related products are dumping in the country at cheaper rates, which has caused less demand and loss to milk producers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that milk producers in the country are poor and not in a position to face the challenge; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government to prevent dumping and to produce more milk in the country?